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1. CANADIAN FIRST SECRETARY STOCKWELL TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST SECOND THAT CANADIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM HAD LEFT FOR OTTAWA OVER THE WEEK-END WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON KANUP STILL DEADLOCKED. PAKS REJECTED ALL THREE POSSIBLE CANADIAN OPTIONS (REF A). AGHA SHAHI CONTINUED TO PUSH LINE THAT OPTION ONE, WHICH INVOLVED CANCELLATION OF REPROCESSING PLANT BUY (ONLY OPTION ON WHICH CANADIAN TEAM WAS AUTHORIZED TO INITIAL AGREEMENT) WAS UNACCEPTABLE SINCE IT MEANT A DEROGATION OF PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. THIS OPTION WAS EVEN MORE DISTASTEFUL TO GOP SINCE IT WOULD INVOLVE BACKING OFF FROM AGREE-MENT WITH FRENCH JUST BEFORE NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN PAKISTAN.

2. SECOND OPTION, INVOLVING FIVE YEAR GUARANTEED SUPPLY FOR KANUP IF GOP AGREES TO FULL SAFEGUARDS ON KANUP IN-CLUDING ALL MATERIAL GOING IN AND COMING OUT OF PLANT,
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UNACCEPTABLE TO GOP SINCE IT CANNOT AGREE TO CANADIAN

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VETO OVER USE OF NON-CANADIAN ORIGIN FUEL FOR THE
POWER PLANT. THIRD OPTION, INVOLVING ONLY TWO YEAR
SUPPLY FOR KANUP AND TIGHTENED SAFEGUARDS, REJECTED BY
GOP SIDE SINCE IT WOULD MEAN RETURNING TO NEGOTIATING TABLE
IN ONLY ONE YEAR TO BEGIN TALKS ON NEW AGREEMENT.

3. PAK TEAM PROPOSED THAT GOC AGREE TO CONTINUE TO
SUPPLY KANUP EVEN AFTER PRESENT AGREEMENT EXPIRES,
UNTIL NEW AGREEMENT REACHED. CANADIAN
TEAM SAID THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE. PAK TEAM THEN TABLED
TWO PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CANADIANS. GOP WILL SIGN
AGREEMENT ALONG LINES DISCUSSED IN OTTAWA, AND ALSO CONCUR
IN INCLUDING AN EXPLICIT EXCLUSION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS
USING KANUP MATERAL, IF GOC AGREES TO EITHER (A) A FIVE
YEAR IRON-CLAD GUARANTEE OF FUEL SUPPLY FOR KANUP, OR
(B) A FUEL SUPPLY AGREEMENT LASTING THE LIFE OF KANUP
WITH AN UNDERSTANDING THAT IF PAKISTAN EXPLODES A NUCLEAR
DEVICE USING MATERIAL FROM ANY SOURCES, GOC HAS RIGHT
TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT. BOTH PAKISTANI PROPOSALS
OBVIOUSLY UNACCEPTABLE TO CANADIANS.

4. DURING FORMAL DISCUSSIONS, AGHA SHAHI CONTINUED TO
PRESS VERY HARD LINE. HOWEVER, DURING A LUNCHEON CON-
VERSATION HE SAID GOP COULD NOT CONSIDER GIVING UP RE-
PROCESSING PLANT UNLESS ITS SECURITY CONCERNS WERE MET.
HE ADDED, AND CANADIAN SIDE CONCURRED, THAT LONG-RANGE
QUESTION WAS SECURITY NEEDS OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES
AND IF THOSE NEEDS COULD BE MET AGREEMENT ON OTHER ISSUES
WOULD BE EASIER. SHAHI SPECIFFICALLY SAID HE WAS VERY
SKEPTICAL USG COULD MEET PAKISTAN'S SECURITY NEEDS AND
"A COUPLE OF SQUADRONS OF AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT."

5. STOCKWELL NOTED PAKS CONTINUED TO IMPLY GOC AND USG
WERE WORKING TOGETHER ON THEIR APPROACH TO REPROCESSING
ISSUE. CANADIAN TEAM ASSUMES THEY WILL NOT HEAR BACK
FROM GOP UNTIL PAKISTANIS CAN ASSESS OUTCOME OF SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S VISIT.
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